



Boating near Flamingo?

The park is working hard to restore power and services at Flamingo. We want to make the park available to visitors as soon as it is safe to do so.

is there bait? is there gas? can I launch?

Hurricane Wilma sent between six and eight feet of water over Flamingo and left as much as six inches of mud over roads, parking lots, and the Flamingo grounds. You cannot launch at Flamingo. As of November 8, 2005, the road to Flamingo is closed until further notice. The boat basin is roped off and landing anywhere at Flamingo is forbidden.

Efforts to repair and recover facilities and fuel pumps – work that started in earnest after Hurricane Katrina flooded Flamingo in late August – have been set back. Even after Flamingo opens, services might be limited.

can I fish? is navigation hazardous?

The Everglades backcountry – which includes Florida Bay, Cape Sable, Whitewater Bay, and the Gulf Coast – is open during the day. Hurricane Wilma destroyed many day boards, buoys, stakes, and other navigational aids. The storm also uprooted mangrove trees and deposited them in channels. Watch out for the trees and other submerged hazards like derelict boats and dock debris. Boaters travel at their own risk, so please exercise extreme caution.

can I camp?

Hurricane Wilma demolished docks, chickees, and portable toilets throughout the backcountry. Many of these chickees are a hazard to visitors. Because of this, the park's backcountry is closed to overnight stays and camping until further notice. As soon as the park can survey the damage and restore the reservation system, the backcountry will be opened. Check with the park for the status of individual campsites.

who do I call?

The status of the park and services changes each week. Please call 305-242-7700 for the latest information. You can also check the latest updates at www.nps.gov/ever.